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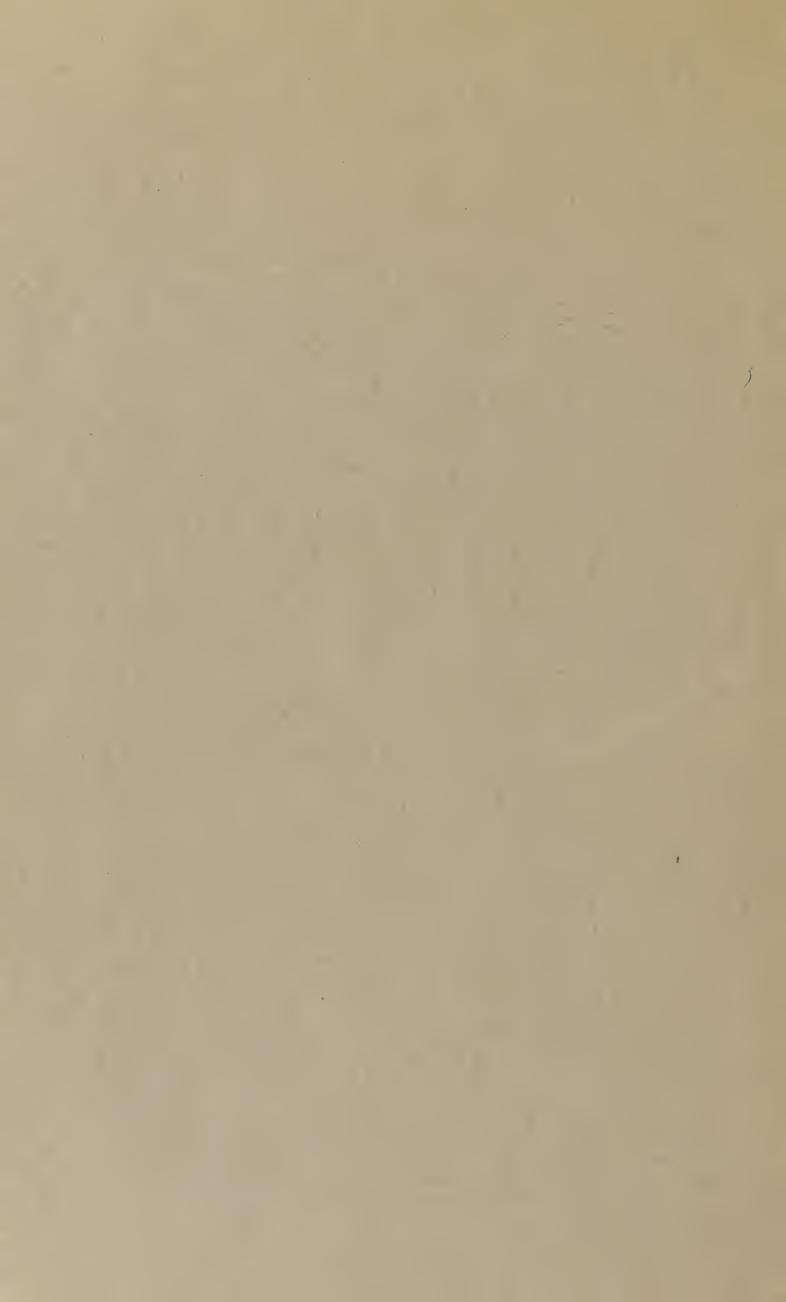
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To the

Aldridge Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting my Twentieth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Aldridge Urban District for the year ending December 31st, 1944.

I have been instructed by the Minister of Health to compile this Report on lines similar to the Annual Report for 1943, except that the restrictions imposed on the publication of population figures, etc. have now been removed.

AREA.

The area of the District is 9,284 acres.

POPULATION.

The Registrar-General's estimate of resident population is 24,630.

INHABITED HOUSES.

The number of inhabited houses according to rate books at the end of 1944 was 7,150.

RATEABLE VALUE.

The Rateable Value was £119,181 at 31/12/44, and the sum represented by a 1d. Rate was £468.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are: brickmaking, mining and agriculture, the district also being largely residential.

VITAL STATISTICS.

These statistics relate to the net births and deaths, after correction for inward and outward transfers, as furnished by the Registrar-General.

Live Births— Legitimate Illegitimate	• •	• •	Males 273 6	Females 277 5	Total. 550 11
			279	282	561

Of these 561 births, 435 were registered locally, the remaining 126 were transferred into the district from outside areas. Approximately 80% of the births were therefore registered locally, as in recent years.

The Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population is 22.77. The Live Birth Rate for the whole of England and Wales was 17.6.

Illegitimate Birth Rate. This rate as calculated above is 0.44.

Still Birth Rate. 13 Still Births (males 6, females 7) were registered and the rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births is 22.64, or 0.52 per 1,000 of the population. The Still Birth Rate for the whole of England and Wales was 0.50.

Death Rate. There were 185 deaths (males 88, females 97) and the Crude Death Rate is 7.51 per 1,000 of the population. The A.C.F. (Areal Comparability Factor) is under present circumstances to be discontinued on account of the uneven incidence of civilian war deaths and the variety and magnitude of local population movements. The Death Rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.6 and for 148 smaller towns (resident populations of 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 census) it was 12.40.

N.B.—It will be noted that the Live Birth Rate is considerably higher than that for all England and Wales; also that the Crude Death Rate is much lower than that for all England and Wales.

Sixty-two deaths were transferred into the District and 46 were transferred out.

For the year 1943 the Live Birth Rate was 23.18 and the Still Birth Rate was 0.78.

N.B.—Infantile Death Rate. (Under one year of age.) All infants per 1,000 live births: 37.43.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births: 36.36. One of the eleven illegitimate infants died under one year of age.

The infantile death rate (all infants) for the whole of England and Wales was 46.

The infantile death rate (all infants) for the District was 49.80 for 1943.

N.B. Deaths due to Puerperal Causes. No death resulted from Puerperal Sepsis nor from other maternal causes.

Cancer, etc. 31 deaths resulted from Cancer. No death from Measles, no death from Whooping Cough and 2 deaths of infants under 2 years of age from Diarrhoea.

No death was due to Diphtheria, 3 from Influenza, and 10 resulted from Pneumonia. For the previous year 20 deaths were due to Pneumonia.

Laboratory Facilities. The County Bacteriological Laboratory (Stafford) supplies excellent facilities for the examination of swabs, specimens of sputa, blood, etc.

During the year 21 reports on swabs from throats, ears and noses, etc., were received, 18 of which proved negative. 17 specimens of sputa were examined for tubercle bacilli, and 3 specimens of blood, faeces, etc., were also examined and reported upon.

Ambulance. An efficient ambulance service has been main-

tained by the Council throughout the year.

Home Nursing. No occasion arose for engaging a Nurse for the home nursing of an infectious case.

Clinics. A Venereal Diseases Clinic for diagnostic—consultative and curative purposes at the Manor Hospital, Walsall (for both males and females) is available for such cases.

Hospitals. (Infectious and Otherwise).

No difficulty has arisen in obtaining isolation of Infectious cases in the Wissage Isolation Hospital, Lichfield. The Council is a Constituent Authority of the Mid.-Staffs. Joint Hospital Board and transport is now provided by the Board for the removal of infectious cases.

The Aldridge Urban District Authority continues to be a member of the South Staffs. Joint Small-Pox Hospital Board.

Other Hospitals chiefly used by the inhabitants of the area are: The General Hospital (voluntary), Walsall; the Birmingham and Wolverhampton Voluntary Hospitals, and to a lesser degree the Manor Hospital, Walsall.

The Hallam Hospital, West Bromwich; the Cannock and Lichfield Hospitals are also used chiefly for Public Assistance cases.

MOTHER AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Mother and Child Welfare Clinics and also Ante-Natal Clinics are conducted by Medical Officers under the County Authority.

WATER.

The South Staffordshire Water Works Co. supplies the water for the area. The quality and quantity have been satisfactory and it has no Plumbo-Solvent action. The supply is constant, and direct from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company's mains, except for a few isolated farms and cottages which are supplied from wells.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

This service has continued to be economically and efficiently conducted under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector and appears to be functioning satisfactorily.

Schools.

It was not considered necessary to close any School on account of an outbreak of infectious disease.

The Schools are under the control of the County Education Authority.

Housing.

The number of houses erected during the year:—
ERECTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

OTHERWISE.

Erected during 1944	In course of erection at end of 1944	Erected during 1944	In course of at en	
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Ni	1.
TOTALS: E	rected during 1944 a course of erection at	end of 1944		Nil. Nil.

Full particulars regarding inspections made, remedying of defects, action taken under Statutory Powers, overcrowding under the Housing Act, 1936, etc., will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SAMPLING OF MILK AND FOODS.

The County Sampling Officer has taken repeated samples of milk and foods and these are examined and reported upon by the County Bacteriologist and Analyst.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Hospital Accommodation.

The alternative modified Scheme at Wissage, proposed by the Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital Board, is now established and appears to be functioning satisfactorily. So far, no case has been refused admission.

Scabies.

The Scabies Clinic is operating efficiently. One session weekly was conducted at the Manor House First Aid Post. The Clinic was staffed by members of the Casualty Services (Civil Defence) who are under the supervision of the County Health Visitors—Nurse Chapman and Nurse Hill. Dr. Crawford, School Medical Officer, has also given considerable time to the inspection of cases and to him and the Health Visitors sincere thanks are due for the great interest they have shown in this work, in a very practical way. Thanks are also due to the County Council for making available the services of Dr. Crawford and of these two Health Visitors.

The Auxiliary Nurses received a small payment for their work, there being a minimum fee of 10/- per session of four hours.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Drs. Crawford and Taylor have immunised the very large majority of the school children during the year. The usual "two shot" method was employed and little or no "reaction" was recorded. The material used was "Alum Precipitate."

During 1944, 412 children under 15 years of age were immunised at schools, Infant Welfare Centres and by private practitioners—only a few by the latter.

Of these 412 children, 344 were under 5 years of age, the remainder being between the ages of 5 and 15 years.

Diphtheria Antitoxin and Anti-Scarlatinal Serum.

Antitoxin is supplied free of charge to all general practitioners for the treatment of Diphtheria occurring in the district. Anti-Scarlatinal serum is also supplied for the treatment of Scarlet Fever and allied infections.

Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) During the Year 1944.

Disease		Total Cases notified after correction	Cases admitted to Hospital before correction	Total Deaths
		9	13	
Small-Pox				
Scarlet Fever		60	18	
Enteric Fever (including	ng			
Paratyphoid) .				
Puerperal Pyrexia .		2		
Pneumonia		29	Cannot Report	10
Cerebro Spinal Fever		2	3	1
Ophthalmia Neonatoru	\mathbf{m}	4	Cannot Report	
Dysentery		******		
Measles		45	-	
Whooping Cough .		58		
Erysipelas		4	Cannot Report	
			1	

Last year the numbers of Measles and Whooping Cough notified were 658 and 168 respectively.

Analysis of the Infectious Cases in Age Groups and in Wards is given below.

Malaria	_ Non-Civilian	nsilivi2-noV		-
Typhoid Infantile & Para Typhoid alysis Fever				
Typhoid & Para Typhoid Fever				
Dys- entery				
Oph- thalmia Neon- atorum	4	4	7'	
Puer- peral Pyrexia	C1	C1	CI	
Cerebro Spinal Fever	- -		61	
Ery-sipelas	01	-0-	4	
Pneu- monia	0700481	16 6 6 4 1	29	ıc
AGE GROUP	0—5 years 5—15 years 15—45 years 45—65 years 65 and over Not known	WARD Aldridge Great Barr Pelsall Rushall	Totals	
Whoop- ing Cough	7 19 20 12 	28 10 10 1	58	
Measles	01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 0	12 17 15 8 8	45	
Diph- theria	0	01 w w	6	
Scarlet Fever	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	118	09	-
AGE GROUP	Under 1 year 1—3 years 3—5 years 5—10 years 10—15 years 15—25 years 25 and over	WARD Aldridge Great Barr Pelsall Rushall	Totals	Cases occurring in Institutions and included in the above figures

It will be seen that 2 cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were notified, giving a rate of 3.48 per 1.000 total Births (i.e., Live and Still Births).

The incidence rates per 1,000 of the population of the three principal infectious diseases are as follows: Pneumonia: 1.18. Diphtheria, 0.36. Scarlet Fever, 2.43.

ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE.

Three deaths resulted from Zymotic Diseases, Cerebro Spinal Fever, 1 death; and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 2 deaths; giving a Zymotic Death Rate of 0.12 per 1,000 of the population.

TUBERCULOSIS.

30 cases of Tuberculosis (see Table below) were entered on the Register, 24 Pulmonary and 6 Non-Pulmonary.

Five cases occurred in Aldridge, 11 in Great Barr, 5 in Rushall 6 in Pelsall, and 3 in Streetly.

One of these 30 cases was notified from Institutions. Five of these cases were brought to my notice otherwise than by formal notification on Form "A."

The total number of cases on the Register at the end of 1944 was 140, made up as follows:—

MALES. FEMALES.

Pulmonary. Non-Pulmonary. Pulmonary. Non-Pulmonary. 18

At the end of 1943 the number on the Register was 132. The notification of Tuberculosis during the year was good, and no action was necessary on account of wilful neglect or refusal to notify.

Twelve deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred and 2 deaths from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were registered, giving a Death Rate per 1,000 of the population of 0.49 and 0.08 respectively.

The ages at death, divided into sexes, are shown on the following Table:—

		NEW (CASES.		DEATHS.			
	Pulmo	onary	Non-Pu	lmonary	Pulm	onary	Non-Pu	lmonary
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female		Female
Periods								
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15	gamelyn remaik							
5—10			1					-
10—15				1	(printinger type			1
1520	2		1.				garden comp	-
20— 25	3		1	1	1	1		-
25—35	7	1	ever course	personal	2	1		and recovery.
3545	4		1	1	2		***************************************	1
45—55	3		g contente	distribution of	3	grant of the State		-
5565	2		-		1			
65 and up	1				1			***********
				Specialized standards of the second		and trade of the paper of the paper.	-	
TOTALS	22	1	4	3	10	2		2
						Ame and additional property.		

The above Table shows the cases of Tuberculosis entered in my Register and deaths from this disease, classified according to age and sex during the year 1944.

Twenty-two cases were removed from the Register, on account of death, removal out of the district, or no recurrence of the disease for five years or three years from Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary cases respectively.

No action was necessary under the Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62. nine cases were notified on Form "C" and eight on Form "D."

MORTUARY.

The mortuary at Rushall continues to prove of great convenience both to the medical profession and the police.

PRIVIES.

The number of privies remaining throughout the district is 59, the majority of these are in isolated situations, such as farms and farm cottages.

VACCINATION.

It was not necessary to vaccinate or re-vaccinate any person under the Public Health (Small-Pox Prevention Regulations, 1917).

GENERAL REMARKS.

The health of the population during the year 1944 has been exceptionally good. Comparing the vital statistics for the district with those for England and Wales, it will be observed that 1944 was really an exceptional year.

It will be noted the Live Birth Rate is considerably higher than that for all England and Wales. This is accounted for by the fact that a comparatively large section of the population is comprised of younger people, e.g., on Pheasey Estate, Great Barr. The Crude, Still Birth and Infantile Death Rates are all lower than those for all England and Wales and there was *no* maternal death.

Mr. Boocock, your Sanitary Inspector, continues to be as conscientious and diligent in the performance of his duty as formerly.

Approximately 60% of children under 5 years of age and 85% between the ages of 5 and 15 years are calculated to have been immunised against Diphtheria at 31/12/44. Grateful thanks are due to Drs. Crawford and Taylor, School and Welfare Medical Officers, who have immunised the very large majority of the children. Their keen co-operation in this health service is much appreciated.

Again I wish to thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, and also all my fellow Officers and Council Staff for the consideration and courtesy received in the course of my duties during the year.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

V. E. MILNE,

Medical Officer of Health.

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1944. Provisional figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns.

	and Quarte	rly Returns		
		126	148 Smaller	
		County	towns	
		Boroughs	Resident	London
	England	and Great	Population	Adminis-
	_			
	and	Towns	25,000 to	trative
	Wales	including	50,000 at	County
		London	1931 Census	
	*RATES PE	er 1,000 Civi	LIAN POPULAT	TION :
T	17 04	00.0	00.0	1 ~ ()
LIVE BIRTHS	17.6‡	$20 \cdot 3$	20.9	15.0
STILL BIRTHS	0.50‡	0.64	0.61	$0 \cdot 42$
DEATHS :				
All Causes	11·6‡	13.7	12.4	$15 \cdot 7$
Typhoid and Para-	***	10,	A 200 A	10 /
Typhold and Lara-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
* 0	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04
Dialethania	0.02	$0 \cdot 03$	0.03	0.01
Induana	0.12	$0 \cdot 10$	0.11	0.08
Cma all Dans	0.00			0 00
Monales	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
	-	1,000 LIVE	1	
Deaths under 1 year of ag	e 46†	52	44	61
Deaths from Diarrhoea an	d			
Enteritis under 2 year	s			
of are	4.8	7.3	4 · 4	10 · 1
* A dash (—) signifies † Per 1,000 related bi ‡ Rates per 1,000 tota	rths.	o no deaths.		
	RATES PER	.000 Civilian	Population :	
NOTIFICATIONS :-				,
Typhoid Form	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	0.01			0.01
	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.06
	$2 \cdot 40$	$2 \cdot 41$	$2 \cdot 67$	1.57
Whooping Cough	2.49	$2 \cdot 49$	$2 \cdot 29$	$2 \cdot 90$
Dinhtheria	0.58	0.67	0.69	0.31
Frysingles	0.20	0.32	0.28	0.37
Small Dov	0.00	0.00		
Measles			0.00	0.00
	$4 \cdot 16$	4.51	$3 \cdot 94$	$2 \cdot 98$
Pneumonia	. 0.97	1.13	0.82	0.93
ATES PER 1,000 TOTAL	BIRTHS (LIVE A)	ND STILL) :-		
(a) Notifications:—				
Puerperal Fever.	.) 10.01	10.10		(3.61)
Puerperal Pyrexi		13 · 13	$9 \cdot 25$	14.14*
(b) Maternal Mortality	-England and	Wales :-		
No. 140	No. 141	No. 147	7 I N	110 0
Abortion				s. 142–6
4 . 4 . 4	Abortion	Puerpera		48-150
with Sepsis wi	thout Sepsis	Infection	1S	Other
0.31	0.09	0.28		1.25
bortion: Mortality per				
No. 140 with S	epsis	No. 1.	41 without Se	psis.

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TOTAL DEATHS.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE ALDRIDGE U.D. (YEAR 1944).

LL C						
	88	97				
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid	Fever	0 0			
2	Cerebro Spinal Fever	• •			1	
3	Scarlet Fever	• •	• •			
4	Whooping Cough					
5	Diphtheria					
6	Tuberculosis of Respiratory	z System	1		10	$\frac{2}{2}$
7	Other forms of Tuberculosi	is	• •			2
8	Syphilitic Diseases	• •				_
9	Influenza				1	2
10	Measles	• •				
11	Acute Poliomylitis and Pol					
	Acute Infective Encephalit	is	• •		-	
13	Cancer of Buccal Cavity	and Oes	sophagus	(M.) and		
	Uterus (F)		• •	• •	2	2
14	Cancer of Stomach and Du				6	5
	Cancer of Breast			• •		2
	Cancer of all other sites				9	5
17	Diabetes			• • • • •	1	1
	Intercranial Vascular Lesio		• •		5	10
19	Heart Disease	• •	• •		20	18
20	Other Diseases of Circulate					3
21	Bronchitis	• •	• •		2 5	6
22		• •	• •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		5
23	Other Respiratory Diseases		• •		1	1
24	Ulcer of Stomach or Duod	enum		• •	1	
25	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)		• •		I	1
26	Appendicitis					2
27	Other Digestive Diseases	• •	• •		4	2
28	Nephritis	• •	• •			3
29	Puerperal and Post-abortio	n Sepsis	3			
30	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• •	• •			
31		• •			4	5
32	Congenital Malformation, 1	Birth Inj	uries and	Infantile		-
		• •	• •	• • • • • •	4	5
33		• •	• •	• •	4	1
34		• •	• •	• •	1	2
35	0 02.02	• •	• •	• •	3	1 1 1
36	All Other Causes	• •	• •	• •	7	11
					Male	Femal
eath	s of Infants under 1 year i	if age :-	-			
	473 1 7	• •	• •	• •	10	11
	Legitimate	• •		• •	10	10
	711	• •	• •	• •		1
						-
ive	Births:—				0=0	200
	Total	• •	• •	• •	279	282
	70810111111		• •		273	277
	771	• •	• •	• •	6	5
	13					
still]	Births:—				G	7
	20002	• •	• •	• •	5	7
	1406.1111	• •	• •	• •	1	
	Illegitimate		• •	• • • • •	1	
					24,6	20

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1944.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ALDRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my eighteenth Annual Report for the year 1944.

I would respectfully express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant support and to the Medical Officer of Health, Clerk to the Council, and Surveyor, for the help and co-operation received from them.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the district is within the statutory area of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, and the supply of water has been maintained in a satisfactory state of quality and quantity throughout the year.

	CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.		
Number of	Privies eliminated	• •	Nil.
, ,	Ashpits eliminated	• •	Nil.
,,	Pail Closets eliminated	• •	Nil.
, ,	Privies remaining in the district		59
,,	Pail Closets remaining in the district		138

The following details are supplied by the courtesy of Mr. H. S. Onions, the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Nil.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Effluents from sewage disposal works in the area have been maintained at a satisfactory standard of purity.

NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

(a)	By Local Authority			Nil.
(b)	By other Local Authorities			Nil.
1 .	By Private Enterprise	•	• •	Vil

NUMBER OF HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION AT END OF YEAR.

(a)	By	Local	Autho	rity		• •	 Nil.
(b)	Bv	Other	Local	Autho	rities		Mil
(0)	D y	Other	1500001	riutiio	11(10,)	• •	 ~\11.

(c) By Private Enterprise .. Nil.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT.

During the year the Council accepted delegation from the County Council of powers under the above Act. Rats and Mice destruction work has been carried out in co-operation with the Ministry of Food during the year.

REPORT ON THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE AND SALVAGE.

1st April, 1944, to 31st March, 1945.

I have the honour to submit herewith a Report on the work of collection and disposal of household refuse and of the salvage operations for the year 1944—45 in respect of the whole of the district.

STAFF.

Labour has been very difficult and irregular throughout the

year.

The full possible working time throughout the year for the staff employed is equivalent to 15.98 persons each week, whereas the actual attendance at work shows an average equivalent to 14.16 persons at work each week. It will therefore be seen that there has been throughout the year a deficiency of the staff available equivalent to 1.83 persons each week.

The absenteeism referred to above has occurred to the following extent:—

Working Hours lost by absenteeism.

One man hours lost by workers

certified sick ... $2,364 \cdot 75$... $5 \cdot 92\%$ of possible working hrs.

One man hours lost through causes other than certified

sickness $2,185 \cdot 5$... $5 \cdot 48\%$,, Total one man hours lost ... $4,550 \cdot 25$... $11 \cdot 4\%$,,

The amount of wages paid as sick benefit to the staff whilst absent from work for reasons of certified sickness has shown a net cost to the Council of £67 0s. 9d.

VEHICLES EMPLOYED.

One Morris Commercial Lorry with dust cart body.

One 8.9 cubic yard S. and D. freighter dust cart.

One 10.5 cubic yard S. and D. freighter dust cart.

One Morris Commercial Lorry used on salvage work.

DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

Tipping has been carried out at Dumblederry Lane, Aldridge.

Progress of Work.

The collection of bins and pails has been maintained throughout the year. Bins being cleansed at intervals of an average of 8—9 days and pails have been cleansed weekly.

Costings.

In calculating costings a "depreciation charge" based on a seven year's life of the S. and D. freighter No. 3 vehicle, and on a five years' life of the two Morris Commercial vehicles has been included.

No. 2 S. and D. freighter has been fully depreciated in previous

years.

The collection costs are calculated on the figure £3,454 12s. 2d. which is the net collection cost after deducting revenue from salvage.

Gross Collection Costs ... 4,719 8 9

Less Revenue ex Salvage ... 1,264 16 7

Net Collection Costs ... £3,454 12 2

The following Table shows the cost of collection and disposal under the various headings and also makes comparison with similar costings for the years 1942-43 and 1943-44.

	ALL DISTRICT — YEAR :					
•	1942—43	1943—44	1944—45			
Area 'in acres'	9,284	9,284	9,284			
Population	24,260	24,240	24,240			
Weight of refuse collected per 1,000 population per day	15.78 cwts.	17.5 cwts.	20.25 cwts.			
Net Cost collection per annum	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
(including depreciation) Disposal	2,077 4 7 311 13 8	2,626 15 8 192 19 5	3,454 12 2 200 1 0			
Total	2,388 18 3	2,819 15 1	3,654 13 2			
Expenditure per 1,000 popula- per annum:—						
Collection Disposal	85 12 5·5 12 8 7.8		142 10 2 · 8 8 5 0 · 4			
Total	98 1 1.3	116 5 3	150 15 3.2			
Cost collection per occupied houses per annum	5 9:67	7 4	9 7.8			
Cost per ton per annum:— Collection Disposal	5 11·2 10·7	7 9 5·7	7 8·52 5·35			
Total	6 9 9	8 2.7	8 1 · 87			
Rate in the pound, collection and disposal	5·91d.	6·18d.	7·9d.			
Average length of haul per load	7.9 mls.	9·7 mls.	7.7 mls.			
Cost per 1,000 houses per annum:	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
Collection Disposal	290 6 0 43 11 2	367 3 6 26 1 11	482 17 9 27 19 3			
Total	333 17 2	393 5 5	510 17 0			

YEARLY SUMMARY OF SALVAGE COLLECTED. Year ending 31st March, 1945.

The Table below shows the quantities of various materials salved and sold during the year, together with the income resulting from the sales.

The previous year's sales amounted to £1,755 4s. 6d.

MATER Waste Paper Cardboard Newspaper	IALS	 	T. ~ 90 27	UANTITII C. Q. 11 3 15 2 12 —	Lbs. 11 6 27	VALUE £ s. d. 572 3 6 177 1 5 6 9 11
Scrap Iron Brass Aluminium Lead Copper Bones Tins Textiles Rope and String Kitchen Waste Cullet—White Rubber Jars Bottles			118 9 6 8 79 16 4	19 2 19 — 2 2 1 3 5 1 — 3 10 — 19 3 13 — 10 1 11 1 14 — 17,424 28,014 Tota	16	755 14 10 19 4 0 1 16 6 1 16 6 3 5 8 17 2 27 19 6 1 16 0 151 10 5 4 12 4 122 8 4 24 16 10 11 15 0 36 11 8 100 11 10

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Inenections made :-

Inspections	made					
Number of	houses	in	spected under the Pu	ıblic Healtl	n Acts,	
or Housin	ng Act	ts		• •		75
Number of	visits	re	overcrowding		• •	1
			slaughter houses (in	enections)		1
, ,	,,			/	• •	4.1
, ,	,,		dairies and cowshed	s	• •	41
,,	,,		bakehouses	• •	• •	9
, ,	,,	,,	factories	• •	• •	22
, ,	, ,	,,	outworkers' premise	S		7
, ,	, ,	,,	food shops			22
, ,	, ,	, ,	cases of infectious di	sease and		
, ,			diphtheria immun	isation		206
, ,	,,		disinfection of prem			25
,,	,,		salvage work			74
,,	,,		0	• •	• •	
, ,	, ,		animals	• •	• •	5
,,	, ,		vermin	• •	• •	9
, ,	,,	,,	closet accommodation	n		17
, ,	,,	,,	ashpit—bins	• •		413
, ,	,,	,,	drainage		• •	18
, ,	,,		tents, vans and shed	s		61
, ,						

Number of vis	sits re cesspools		• •		1
,,	,, ,, water suppl			• •	4
, ,	,, ,, smoke	• •	• •	• •	1
,,	,, ,, milk shops		• •		1
,,	,, ,, refuse—hou		3		
,,	,, ,, refuse—trae	• •	2		
,,	,, ,, miscellaneo	us	• •	• •	33
, ,	,, ,, rat disinfes	tation	• •	• •	634
,,	,, ,, unsound fo	od	• •	• •	30
Primary Visits	—Total		• •		1715
VISITS MADE :-	_				
Primary visi	ts	• •	• •		1715
Re-visits		• •	• •		549
					${2264}$
·	rope Drive Wim		up Vris		
NOI	CICES DEALT WIT	H DURING 11	HE LEAK		
	Notices Served	Notices Comp		Other No	
				Rescin	
Informal					
	0.7	Q E		5	
Statutory	97 86	85 65		5 Nil	
Statutory	86	65		Nil	
Statutory TOTAL	183	65		Nil	
Statutory TOTAL FACTORIES, ET	86 183 C.	65		Nil	
Statutory TOTAL FACTORIES, ET Number of Ins	183	65		Nil	
Statutory TOTAL FACTORIES, ET Number of Ins Factories	86 183 C.	65	• •	Nil	22
TOTAL FACTORIES, ET Number of Ins Factories Bakehouses	86 183 c. pections made:—	65	• •	Nil	9
Statutory TOTAL FACTORIES, ET Number of Ins Factories	86 183 c. pections made:—	65		Nil 5	
TOTAL FACTORIES, ET Number of Ins Factories Bakehouses	86 183 c. pections made:—	65		Nil 5	9
Total Factories, Et Number of Ins Factories Bakehouses Outworkers'	c. pections made:— premises	65		Nil 5	9 7
Total Factories, Et Number of Ins Factories Bakehouses Outworkers'	c. pections made: premises	65		Nil 5	9 -7 -38
Total Factories, Et Number of Ins Factories Bakehouses Outworkers' Infectious Di Primary visi	c. pections made: premises seases. ts and inquiries	65		Nil 5	$ \begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 7 \\ \hline 38 \\ \hline 206 \end{array} $
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NUISANCES AND OTHER MAT	TERS !	DEALT	WITH-	-NATURE	AND
House dinter	JMBER	•			0
Houses dirty	•	• •	• •	• •	2
	•	• •	• •	0 0	14
Paving defective (interior)	• •	• •	• •	• •	3
Floor boards	•	• •	• •	• •	27
		• •	• •	• •	10
,, foul, defective, unti	rapped	l	• •	0 0	10
Water closet, defective flush				• •	3
,, defective	• •			• •	5
_	•	• •	• •	• •	1
,, insufficient .	•	• •			3
Animals improperly kept .	•	• •	• •		1
Eaves gutters, etc., defective, i	nsuffic	ient		• •	6
Miscellaneous nuisances			• •	• •	2
Pantry, insufficient vent					1
Exterior brickwork joints are d	efectiv	ve	• •		3
Fire range defective	•	• •	• •	• •	6
Dustbins, defective		• •	• •	• •	90
Pails defective		• •	• •	• •	1
Verminous premises		• •		• •	3
Milk and Dairies Order			• •		8
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.		• •			8
Walls, and/or ceiling plastering	, defe				32
Work hailer	•				5
Miscellaneous housing structura		cts			45
C 1					1
Fly infestation		• •			1
Knacker's yard—unlicensed pro					1
Houses, insufficient accommoda				-	1
Slaughter of Animals Act, appl		ns			5
, 11		• •		• •	
					298
-		T)	T 7	70	
Inspection and Supervision Sho	n of Ps, Et		-VISITS	TO DAI	RIES,
	• •	• •	• •	• •	41
	• •	• •	• •	• •	9
Food Shops	•	• •	• •	• •	22
					72
					12

The following record of samples of milk and other foods taken in the district has been supplied by the courtesy of Dr. W. D. Carruthers, County Medical Officer of Health, Staffordshire County Council.

DETAILS OF FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLES taken in Aldridge Urban District during the year ended 31st December, 1944.

				Genuine	Adulterated	Remarks
Milk-						
Tuberculin	Teste	d		2		
Sterilised				2 7		
Pasteurised				7	gyandar-corinnelle	
Milk			• •	10	2	Deficient in fat. Same Producer. Caution issued.
Barley				1		
Baking Powde				1	· ·	
Rice				2	Gamble-Systems	
Ground Ginge				1		
Meat Paste				1	punto. Amend	
Gelatine				1	paintener de	
Sugar				1		
Cheese				1	gamin delember	
Pudding Mixt	ure			1		
Malt Vinegar				1	agenda spreading	
Mustard	• •	• •			1	Informal sample. Was old stock.
Tea				1	Accompany of	THE OIL STOCK.
				38	3	

Housing.

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HOUSING.	
Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:—	
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts)	65
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	65
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under subhead (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations,	
1925	53
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	53
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	65
(5) Houses on which undertakings were given and completed	Nil
Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal	notice
Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	116
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3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
	(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
	(a) By owners(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	10 Nil
	 (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:— (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 	90
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:— (a) By owners (b) By Level Authority in default of expers	19
	 (b) By Local Authority in default of owners (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:— (1) Number of houses in respect of which 	36
	Demolition Orders were made (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished	Nil
	in pursuance of Demolition Orders (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	Nil
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered	
4.	fit	Nil
	(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	21
	(2) Number of families dwelling therein (3) Number of persons dwelling therein	$\begin{array}{c} 25 \\ 205 \end{array}$
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
	(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	5 47
	I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,	T.
	Your obedient Servant,	
	U. BOOCOCK,	
	Sanitary Inst	bector.

